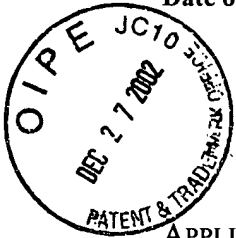


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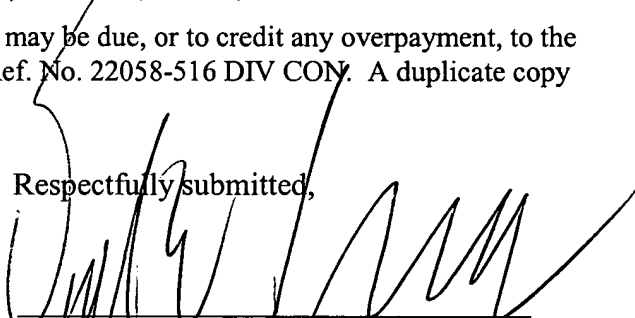
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1. Response to Office Action Dated November 29, 2002 and Supplemental Preliminary Amendment (6 pages), and,
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 22058-516 DIV CON. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

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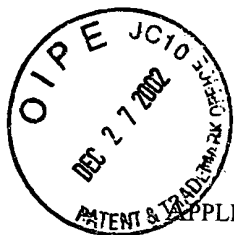
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**Response to Office Action Dated November 29, 2002 and Supplemental Preliminary
Amendment**

In response to the November 29, 2002 Office Action imposing a restriction requirement in the above-referenced application, Applicants elect without traverse Group III, which corresponds to claim 18, directed to an antibody against human IL-11R, classified in Class 530, subclass 387.1.

Prior to examining the application, please amend the applications as follows.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-17 and 19-38. ³⁷

³⁷ 18. (Amended) A composition comprising an antibody which specifically reacts with a human IL-11R protein.

Add the following new claims:

³⁸ 39. The composition of claim 18, wherein said antibody is a neutralizing antibody. ³⁸